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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE

REF TOSEC 768 (STATE 244179)

1. MET WITH FAHMY THIS MORNING TO TELL HIM OF THE SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL AT THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE THAT A RESERVES COORDINATING GROUP (RCG), COMPOSED OF MAJOR EXPORTING COUNTRIES AND KEY IMPORTING COUNTRIES, BE ESTABLISHED AND THAT THE ACTING SECRETARY HAD CALLED IN REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS STATES, INCLUDING EGYPT, TO URGE THAT THEY JOIN WITH US AT WFC IN AGREEING TO PARTICIPATE IN RCG. I ASKED THAT EGYPTIAN DELEGATION AT WFC BE INSTRUCTED TO WORK WITH USDEL TO DEVELOP SPECIFIC MANDATE AND TIMETABLE AND TO INITIATE NEGOTIATIONS. AI ALSO MENTIONED THE EMBASSY HAD JUST RECEIVED A TELEGRAM FROM SAYED MAREI APPLAUDING THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH AS "COMPREHENSIVE AND INSPIRING."

2. FAHMY AGREED TO INSTRUCT EGYPTDEL IN ROME TO WORK WITH US AS REQUESTED. HE NOTED THAT IN ANY CASE SYAED MAREI, WHO IS ALSO NOW SPEAKER OF PEOPLES ASSEMBLY, MAY BE EXPECTED TO PRESS EGYPTDEL AND OTHERS TO GIVE SUPPORT.

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3. ON HIS PART, FAHMY HAD A FEW PERSONEL QUESTIONS. HE

WONDERED HOW THE NEWLY-PROPOSED RCG WILL FIT INTO FAO AND WORLD FOOD YEAR ACTIVITIES AND NOTED THAT EVEN SYG WALDHEIM HAD BEEN A BIT TEPID ON SETTING UP A NEW GROUP. WHO WOULD COORDINATE THESE DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS TASKED WITH THE SAME OR SIMILAR MISSION? HE WAS ALSO CONCERNED THAT THE PROPOSED RCG WOULD REQUEST THAT A NEW SECRETARIAT BE ESTABLISHED. THIS SHOULD BE AVOIDED. COULD NOT, HE ASKED, THE FUNCTION OF THE PROPOSED GROUP BE ADEQUATELY HANDLED THROUGH A BEEFED-UP WORLD FOOD YEAR OR FAO? (ACTING MINAG BEDRAN SUGGESTED SEPARATELY THAT FAO SECRETARIAT ALSO HANDLE RCG.)

4. AT COMPLETION OF OUR TALK, HE REITERATED THAT, DESPITE HIS PERSONAL QUESTIONS, EGYPTDEL IN ROME WILL BE INSTRUCTED WORK WITH US.
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